

ERIE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD – MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE:	10/27/2016		
LOCATION:	Erie County Fire Training and Operations Center		
CALL TO ORDER:	7:03 PM		
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE			
ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:	PRESENT:	Chris Close, Dan Corby, Ralph Galanti, Jim Guy, Shaun Hediger, Paul Hockwater Sr., Shawn Kaufman, Bob Kryszak, Chris Maciok, Ernie Matthews,	
	ABSENT:	Dwayne Morosey, Tim Moses, Paul Prautzsch, Paul Wilson, Mike Wutz, Bob Zacher, Bob Zamrok, Melissa Calhoun, Brian Guy, Mike Schuler	
	EXCUSED:	Chris Couell	
		Pete Kertzie, Mike Kluck, Chris Petrie, Lee Smith, Jim Reger	
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:	Philip Mohn		
APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING:	DATE OF LAST MEETING:	8/25/2016	
	MOTION BY:	Bob Kryszak	
	SECOND BY:	Tim Moses	
	APPROVED:	Approved	
REPORT OF OFFICERS:			
CHAIRMAN:	Paul – followed up from last meeting re: states assistance of road closures – Spoke to state said they would be happy to close the roads – need to go through their dispatch. Not sure where the mix up was – try again. Paul met with Jim Reger prior to meeting as Jim was unable to attend. They discussed the training request process. Fire Service isn't happy with process – Jim will look into and review how classes are approved. Will discuss at future meeting. Paul stated there needs to be better communications with the County and Fire Departments – Jim will work on this. Discussion on the County Budget – Emergency Services did include in the submittal to the County Executive - \$50,000 for building maintenance money however as budget is currently at legislature that funding request was removed. The budget process however is not over and if the board would like to speak with members of the legislature they may. There was additional back and forth discussion regarding this matter. Paul stated that Jim would like to activate the School Committee to discuss the County Fire Instructor positions.		
CO-CHAIR:	No Report		
SECRETARY:	No Report		
TREASURER:	Balance as of 8/25 - \$397.80		
REPORT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES:			
COMMISSIONER:	No Report		
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:	See Chairman's Report		
DEPUTY FIRE COORDINATOR:	No Report		
OTHER:	Shirts – Melissa brought the logo design for the shirts – some members paid for their shirts – rest will need to pay at next meeting. Hoping to have them for next meeting.		
REPORT OF COMMITTEES:			
SCHOOL:	Jim would like to activate the committee – Bob Zamrok will take the lead as chair as Bob Zacher would like to step down due to his focus on the drill committee.		
DRILL TOWER:	Bob Zacher reported that Scott electric donated \$5,000 towards building materials – this will be through Amherst Chiefs Association – some items he will be purchasing include – rotary saw, props, window curtains, to put at all towers. Looking for other ideas to make the towers more realistic. Also received plywood to create partitions. Paul – reported that he reached out to Fire Facilities – will come in to do a tour of the facility; once they take a look at it he will get a price list to present to the county. There was an issue with burning in the attic space in Cheektowaga; this caused a lot of damage to the building. It was discussed in length – stated that someone other than the instructors should be going to the facility after each training to do an inventory and walk thru of the building and note any issues. Not sure exactly when this happened. Again it was brought up how a facilities manager would be appropriate to have. Need to develop a policy regarding this.		
RADIO:	Shawn Kaufman – met with Jerry – Jerry stated this is the first time he meet with the radio committee of the fire advisory board. He was well prepared – see notes at end of minutes regarding radio projects. The radio committee would like to meet with Niagara County to discuss their radio projects and if there is anything we gain from		

	them. Paul discussed the Boston F2 issues – The County was hoping that by Blue Wireless coming into the area they would be able to get onto some of their towers, however the Boston Town Board Vetoed the request; now need to come up with another solution. Discussion to send a letter to the Town Board asking why they made that decision and state how this would have been a solution for the communications issues in that region. Discussions about Hamburg/Angola sharing the same frequency – Evans is hoping to get off that frequency by January 1 st . Will send out the list of recommended frequencies that should be in the radios. See attachment in minutes. Question came up regarding constant clicking of radios – why is it happening? Also Med Channels are a concern because they are not being used. Discussion regarding this - suggestion is to work with the EMS Advisory Board to see what can be done to improve this. Paul Hockwater asked a question regarding the Next Gen 911 project – Melissa will invite Steve Piotrowski to come to next meeting to give an update on the project.
LEGISLATIVE & FIRE PREVENTION:	Mike reported it was the worst year for legislation in the state. Yesterday the Governor called for the bill for comp for permanently disabled to be raised from \$400 to \$600 – this will be the first time since 1971. See additional attachments re: Legislation
BUDGET/PLANNING & WALL OF FAME:	Jim will be working on a better display for the Wall of Fame – he will work with the committee on this project.
RULES & MUTUAL AID:	Brian will be meeting with the Niagara County Fire Advisory Board – would like to review other advisory board bylaws. Will report back to board once he does.
REPORT OF BOARDS:	
ERIE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS MUTUAL AID ORG.:	Meeting on 11/21 – 7pm Sheridan Park
ERIE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION:	Meeting Sunday – will have new officers – Next meeting will be on Superbowl Sunday – 3 rd Annual Awards Dinner will be at Sheridan Park on 3/18
ERIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION:	Next Meeting will be on 12/21 at Walden
ERIE COUNTY FIRE POLICE ASSOCIATION:	Next Meeting will be in April
DISASTER ADVISORY BOARD:	Next meeting will be on 11/15 at 7pm at academy – Fire Advisory Board members are welcome to attend will have the Civil Air Patrol doing a presentation.
EMS ADVISORY BOARD:	No Report
OLD BUSINESS:	Jim Guy met with Jim Reger to discuss the sustainability project – Jim G suggested the county take a leadership role in this. Jim R will digest it and will report back to board.
NEW BUSINESS:	No Report
GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION:	Christmas Party at next meeting - Dinner at 530 then meeting after. Mike W will order the food.
NEXT MEETING DATE:	12/1
ADJOURNMENT:	847pm – Motioned by Mike Schuler – Second by Bob Zamrok - Adjourned
MINUTES RECORDED BY:	
MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:	Melissa Calhoun

Treasurer's Report –

Fire Advisory Board Monthly Donation

Balance from 2015 316.80

February 25 Fire Academy 22.00 338.80

March 24 Fire Academy 20.00 358.80

April 28 Fire Academy 25.00 383.80

June 23 Fire Academy 14.00 397.80

Interoperable Committee

-ECES – 2016 Interoperable Communications Projects

-Suggested UHF Interoperable Channels for Fire/EMS Agencies

Legislation Committee

- Senate Committee Passes Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act - <http://www.nvfc.org/senate-committee-passes-volunteer-responder-incentive-protection-act/#.WBJnCafAxuZ.email>
- Critical Illness Insurance Program Attachment